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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Kenneth W. Batcher  
FOR : HARDWARE-BASED  
ENCIPHERMENT/DECIPHERMENT  
EMPLOYING DUAL PORTED KEY  
STORAGE  
SERIAL NO : 09/675,069  
FILED : September 28, 2000  
EXAMINER : Jacob Lipman  
ART UNIT : 2134  
LAST OFFICE ACTION : November 4, 2004  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : 72255/02663

**AMENDMENT****FAXED TO: (703) 872-9306**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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